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SUBJECT: ASEAN BUS PROJECT

REF: A) MANILA 8958, B) SINGAPORE 2914
C) STATE 176662

1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH DEPARTMENT'S NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INDUSTRY TEAM, WE AGREE WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED REF A THAT OUR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE GOS INTEREST IN ASEAN BUS PROJECT SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH EFFORTS GOP IN SAME DIRECTION. GOS (REF B) DOES NOT WANT TO BE "OUT IN FRONT" ON PROJECT AND WE BELIEVE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTION THAT THEY KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GOP ON MATTER AND WORK IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH THEM IN DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICS OF PROGRAM. WE SEE A VERY MAJOR MARKET FOR BUSES IN SINGAPORE AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION OVER NEXT TEN YEARS AND BEYOND, AND WE BELIEVE ONLY WAY WE CAN SHARE IN MAJOR WAY IN THIS BUSINESS IS TO DEVELOP A PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENT. WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO CONFUSE MATTER BY UNCOORDINATED ACTIONS, BUT WE MUST ALSO BE
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CAREFUL NOT TO DROP THE BALL IN SOUTH CHINA SEA. JAPANESE

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OR GERMANS WOULD BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO TAKE OUR PLACE.

2. WE THINK TWO STEPS ARE IN ORDER. ONE WOULD BE TO GET SITHAWALLA AND BASCO TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND EXCHANGE IDEAS. IDEALLY THIS SHOULD BE DONE WELL BEFORE JANUARY ASEAN MEETING SO THAT HOPEFULLY A GOS-GOP COORDINATED PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF PROJECT COULD BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT ASEAN MEETING. IF MANILA THINKS THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE WILL PROPOSE IT.

3. SECONDLY, WE WILL SUGGEST GOS HIRE A PRIVATE CONSULTANT TO HELP THEM CLARIFY THEIR OWN THINKING ON SUBJECT. CAN WASHINGTON SUPPLY NAMES OF TWO OR THREE POSSIBILITIES? CARTER WOULD SEEM TO BE ONE WHO WOULD BE QUALIFIED TO DO THIS.

4. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. WHAT IS SUBSTANCE OF ROHR "FORMAL PROPOSAL" REFERRED TO IN REF A? ALSO, WHAT IS STATUS GM INTEREST?
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